



## President Trump's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Shortchanges America's Students, Workers, and Families

On March 11, 2019, the Trump administration sent its Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Budget Request to Congress—calling for sharp cuts to investments in education, health care, and programs that support workers and their families.

### EDUCATION

- The Trump budget slashes funding for K-12 public schools by **eliminating 16 K-12 education programs** totaling \$5.1 billion, including:
  - ESEA Title II-A, which supports teacher professional development;
  - ESEA Title IV-B, which supports afterschool and summer programs;
  - ESEA Title IV-A, which funds mental health services, STEM and Arts education, and education technology; and
  - The Full Service Community Schools and Promise Neighborhood programs, which are proven models for improving student learning and community engagement.
- The Trump budget directs more than \$50 billion dollars toward **private school voucher schemes** while failing to increase investment in core programs like Title I and IDEA.
- The Trump budget would **make college more expensive** and less accessible for the next generation of America's students by:
  - Cutting \$207 billion in student loan assistance through the elimination of Public Service Loan Forgiveness, subsidized loans;
  - Eliminating GEAR UP, cutting all \$340 million from a program that supports first-generation students;
  - Cutting \$79.7 million in funding from the Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Program; and
  - Eliminating the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) program, which helps college students with the greatest need for financial aid attend school.
- The Trump budget breaks the president's campaign promise to support **upskilling and retraining for displaced workers** by:
  - Cutting \$156.1 million, or nearly 25% of total funding, from Adult Education grants to states;
  - Eliminating institutional aid vital to community colleges; and

- Allowing predatory for-profit colleges to access Pell Grant funds for short term programs with no quality assurances.

## HEALTH CARE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- The Trump budget cuts access to health care for tens of millions of Americans by, yet again, proposing to repeal the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA), undermining protections for patients with preexisting condition, and ending the Medicaid program as we know it. The budget:
  - Revives the failed Graham-Cassidy bill that would have **repealed the ACA** and ripped coverage away from more than 20 million people;
  - **Slashes funding for Medicaid by \$1.5 trillion** and imposes additional barriers to prevent Americans from getting coverage; and
  - **Strips \$845 billion from Medicare** through cuts to hospitals, nursing homes, and other health providers.
- In order to pay for the massive tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations, the Trump budget makes deep cuts to programs that support healthy families and communities, including:
  - **More than \$15 billion** in cuts to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program;
  - A complete elimination of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)—**erasing \$11.44 billion in support for families to heat their homes**;
  - A complete elimination of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), which was funded at \$725 million in FY 2019 and **provides vital funding to programs such as Meals on Wheels**;
  - A **\$1.7 billion cut to child nutrition programs** by improving “program integrity,”; and
  - **A 5 percent cut** to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

## LABOR

The Trump budget breaks his promises to workers. Instead of setting policies to boost workers’ wages or ensure retirement security, the budget calls for **cutting \$1.2 billion** (nearly 10 percent) of the Department of Labor’s resources.

- Despite the increasing need for worker training programs to ensure workers have the skills to fill good-paying jobs, the budget:
  - **Makes a 41 percent cut to the Job Corps training program**, which offers education and job training to young Americans ages 16 to 24;
  - **Makes a 39 percent cut to National Dislocated Worker Grants**, which are awarded to help areas recover from large, unexpected layoffs; and
  - Expands support for *unregistered* apprenticeships programs, which **are not subject to basic accountability standards** that ensure workers receive quality training and experience.

- The budget proposal fails to invest in protecting workers, wage, safety and retirements. The Trump budget:
  - Freezes OSHA funding, which only has sufficient resources **to inspect each workplace in its jurisdiction once every 158 years.**
    - The Trump budget also slashes funding for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health by 43%—which provides scientific research on workplace safety and health relied upon by businesses, labor, and government.
  - **Cuts workers' compensation benefits** paid to federal workers who are injured on the job.
    - This includes the reduction of benefits for workers with dependents and a cut to the level of benefits for disabled workers at retirement age.
  - In the face of the collapse of the multiemployer pension system, the budget fails to provide a credible solution for more than 1 million miners, truckers, bakers, and others who are relying on pension plans that are rapidly running out of money. Failure to act will result in a cascade of business failures and layoffs, and **could cost taxpayers \$500 billion in the next 30 years.**